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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following:

ATM Network Including Virtual Connection Identifier
and Virtual Path Identifier

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ATM network ~~comprising~~including a physical network (1) with different stations. A stream of ATM cells is transferred from at least a source station (2) to a group of different destination stations (3...12), via a same virtual transmission path, which is characterised by ATM cells having the same "virtual path identifier". The virtual path (VPI₁) ~~comprises~~includes various virtual connections, each characterised by ATM cells having a same "virtual connection identifier", VCI. Furthermore, the group of destination stations is subdivided into various subgroups. The destination stations, which detect the VPIs and the VCIs of the ATM cells appearing at those stations, extract only those ATM cells having a VPI equal to the VPI of the virtual path of the group and a VCI equal to the VCI of the subgroup.